

Knox County Extension COVID-19 Update

4-H Specific

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As each of us continue to monitor the spread and impacts of COVID-19 within Ohio, the Ohio State University has made the decision to implement additional schedule changes. On April 8, it was announced that due to ongoing health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that all OSU Extension in-person programming be cancelled through July 6. This includes all 4-H programs, activities, and events. Additionally, the very difficult decision to cancel all 4-H camps thru August 31 was also put in place. Although in-person programming is cancelled, we will continue to offer virtual 4-H experiences. Stay home, enjoy your time with your family, and stay well!

Enrollment

- The Knox County 4-H Enrollment deadline is Monday, April 27. All members who would like to be a part of the Knox County 4-H program for 2020 need to have a completed 4HOnline profile completed by Midnight on April 27. This included all previous members and new members/families. The website to complete the 4HOnline profiles is: <http://oh.4honline.com>.

4-H Club Meetings

- All face-to-face club meetings are CANCELLED through July 6. Clubs are still expected to be holding meetings virtually. As information is ever changing in the county, it is imperative that members are getting the most up-to-date information and discuss important club matters. There are several ways to do meetings virtually: Zoom, Facebook Live, Skype, Facetime, etc.
- [Resources for Communicating Online with Your Club](#)
- [How to Zoom: Help Sheet for Virtual Meetings](#)
- If you would like Andrea or Jana to help you set up a Zoom meeting please send us an email with the day, time, and length and we will create the invite for you to forward to your members.
- Clubs should plan to have a total of six meetings.

Project Books

- With no face-to-face contact until after July 6, this means that we would not be able to provide clubs their 4-H project books until after that point. We know that you are anxiously and patiently waiting to get those books. Here are the two options we have at this point.
 - Free Downloads: Want to dig in to a 4-H project that's a good match for staying at home? See our collection of [Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects](#) on the Ohio 4-H website at <https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects>. When a copy opens on your screen, you can save or print it from there. Stay at home and stay healthy, 4-H'ers! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility.)
 - Ordering Online: Details should be available in the next few days (a relative term) regarding how to purchase project books online. They are trying to setup coupon codes that can be used by Ohio 4-H families, to provide a discount close to the discount that is given when families purchase their project books through their local Extension Office (keep in mind that Ohio's project books are ordered by many states). Difficulties were encountered with processing the codes, and they are trying to work that out prior to providing the ordering information. As soon as we have that information, WE PROMISE to pass it along to ALL of you! We know that many of you are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to purchase project books – and we're anxious to get them to you. If you are not into waiting, you can order now at extensionpubs.osu.edu.

4-H Camp

- The Knolmes County 4-H camp that was scheduled for June 5-9 has been cancelled per Ohio State.
- Camp Staff and Counselors are looking into virtual camp offerings.
- The State 4-H office is investigating a combined 4-H camp in the fall.

Miscellaneous/Food & Nutrition/Rocket/Clothing Judging

- Judging for all still projects will now be held on Wednesday, July 15.
- An early judging is scheduled for Friday, July 10.

4-H Horse Paperwork

- The Equine Packet has been uploaded to a BuckeyeBox folder that Andrea can give you access to.
- Paperwork is still going to be due by May 5.
- Information can be uploaded to your 4HOnline profile or mailed to the SFB Office.
- There will not be a PAS qualifying show to exhibit at the OSF for 2021. Exhibitors must still fill out a PAS form if you would like Andrea to sign off on your entry. More information to follow regarding this topic

Quality Assurance

- There will be at least three options for youth to complete Quality Assurance for 2021.
 - For 2020 **ONLY, YQCA Online Training**: ODA has allowed livestock exhibitors (ages 8-19) to utilize the YQCA online training modules to fulfill the requirements of Quality Assurance. There is a cost (\$12) to each exhibitor that would like to utilize this option in order to complete their certification. It is payable online by credit card after the member has successfully completed the training and test. In order to gain access, please email Andrea at rees.139@osu.edu for her to send the instructions on how to log on and complete this process. After completion, another email to Andrea will be required with the certification number for her to mark your Quality Assurance as complete for 2020. This will only count for 2020 and there is no multi-year test-out option.
 - **Online Test Out**: This option will be for youth that are ages 15 and older. This would be a test-out for the remainder of their 4-H/FFA career (multi-year certification) just like Andrea offers at the end of regularly attended QA session. Members would register for a test-out session and be allowed to attempt the test only one time. Should they not pass the test, they would be required to complete one of the other training options. Instructions for this option will coming soon.
 - **Zoom Training Sessions**: This option would allow members to register to attend an online Zoom meeting, during which QA training materials would be presented. Sessions would be limited to a total of 40 members, but we will have multiple sessions available at various times. Dates and details will be forthcoming...
 - **Horse Exhibitor Zoom Training Sessions**: This option would allow members to register to attend an online Zoom meeting, during which QA training materials would be presented. Sessions would be limited to a total of 40 members, but we will have multiple sessions available at various times. Dates and details will be forthcoming...

We do ask that you continue to check our blogs, website, and Facebook page to keep updated on this very fluid situation that can potentially change daily. As we get new information, we will be posting to the following mediums.

Knox County Ag News Blog: <https://u.osu.edu/knoxcountyag/>

Knox County 4-H Blog: <https://u.osu.edu/4hknoxcounty/>

Knox County OSU Extension Website: <https://knox.osu.edu/>

Knox County OSU Extension Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OSUEKnox/>

***Thank you for your continued support and
understanding during this time!***